



December Birthdays:

Nathan Palmer 12/09, Sharon Hendershot 12/13,
Kodee Leach 12/14, Sarah Sherman 12/ 20, Addison
Lucas 12/20, Trevor Strawn 12/21, Marlee Strawn
12/28, Kobe Eagon 12/30

Duty Roster	Sunday AM	Sun PM	Wed PM
Announce	Mike Anderson	Mike Anderson	Zach Leach
Open Prayer	Koen Eagon	Eric Kernen	Jim Thornburg
Song Leader	Jake Leach	Wesley Lewis	Mike Anderson
Preside Table	Ty Leach	Mike Anderson	
Bread	Jeff Lewis	Song Service	
Fruit of vine	Rick Lucas		
Offering	Owen Majors		
Bulletins	Matt Palmer		
Script Reading	Adam Palmer	Jeremy Hall	
Lesson / Inv.	Jordan Lewis		Matt Palmer
Closing Prayer	Josh Eagon	Jim Thornburg	Wesley Lewis



Building Lockup: Zach Leach & Mike Anderson

Meeting Times

Sunday: Bible Study – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:30 am

Sunday Evening: Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday: Bible Study & Worship – 7:00 pm

Anyone wishing to be baptized please contact one of the elders or deacons .

12-17-2023

WEST MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

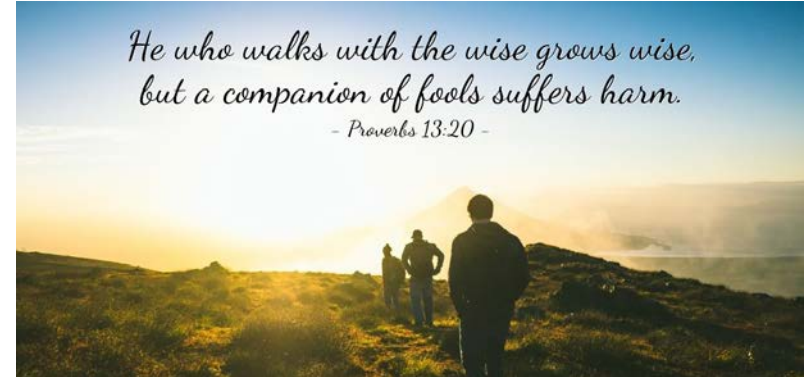
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West Main Anchor

Hebrews 6:19a Which *hope* we have as an *anchor* of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil

Today's Lesson: Role Models

*He who walks with the wise grows wise,
but a companion of fools suffers harm.*
- Proverbs 13:20 -



Exciting News

As announced last Sunday: The elders made a formal offer to Trenton Hall. This past week and he accepted the offer. The plan is he will be starting on or before February 1st. A lot will be happening for him and his family the next couple of months. If you are interested in helping out please let the elders know.

We will also be scheduling a meeting with the congregation in the beginning of January to review our goals for 2024. This will include a financial update and our financial budgets for the upcoming year. We will let the congregation know when that will happen ahead of time.



WHEN YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Gary Lucas, Jared Kernen, Ida Blatt,
Connie Willison, Vivian Anderson, Allen Withrow.

Study the Bible

*Would you like to be more familiar with the scriptures?
Ask us about our Bible correspondence program.*

Who/What is Shaping Us?

By Bart Warren

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

This time of year emphasizes just how special it is to be with family. Gathering around a table to enjoy food and fellowship is so uniquely powerful that it is difficult to describe adequately.

In our digital age, with an emphasis on screens rather than faces, it is easy to lose sight of just how our minds and hearts are being shaped and transformed.

Samuel James, a writer who has spent a great deal of time researching and thinking about the proper use of technology, has offered the following warning:

Digital technology (social media) gives a public platform to many people who would otherwise not have it. But this blessing comes at a cost. Because of the Web's disembodied nature, things like evidence, reasoning, and expertise have become marginalized. Instead, the idea of truthfulness has devolved into a question of individual narratives.

West Main Street CoC's Zoom
Meeting Room

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“My story is my truth” is one of the key mantras of the digital age. Traditional authority structures have given way to an ephemeral “equality” that means the random blogger is as powerful as the veteran preacher, or the anonymous Twitter account can demand deference merely with a powerful story. On the Web, we all have the power to “define” our reality, no matter how far that supposed reality may be from objective truth.

The disembodied, narrative-based culture of the Web requires Christians to know and remind each other regularly what is really true. This is a big reason why we must continue to gather together in church. Being physically together as we sing, pray, and hear truth powerfully recalibrates our sense of reality to be more in line with eternity. God’s story does not destroy our story—it transforms it, interprets it, and gives it meaning and purpose beyond “likes.”

This holiday season, as we are blessed to gather with friends and family, let us be reminded of a few important matters:

1. As good as it is to gather with family around a dinner table, it is vital to gather with our church family around the Lord’s table.
2. While we all may have unique experiences, there remains only one objective truth that all must submit to and acknowledge.
3. What we read and watch (and even how we read and watch it) molds and transforms us—let us make sure that we are being formed into the image of Jesus the Christ!

The Elders:

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